3A now exceeds 2.5 cm. The character of the lines in Figures 1A-4D are uniformly thick and well-defined, clean, durable, and black. The numbers, letters, and reference characters in Figures 1A-4D are plain and legible. The drawings are identified by the title of the invention, the inventor's name, application number, and docket number. We will replace these drawings with originals upon a receipt of a Notice of Allowability.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend Example 4a of the pending specification to read as follows:

Example 4 - Construction of the retroviral vector pMcreloxPL and transfection of cell lines

a) Construction of the XL-I Blue pM Crelox PL plasmid

The structure of the retrovirus used in the present example is illustrated in Fig. 3a. pMCreloxPL results from the insertion of the 1.3 kbp *cre* gene fused with a nuclear localization of the large T antigen of the simian virus 40 between the two LTR of the pMloxPL plasmid. The *cre* gene is under the transcriptional control of the promoter of the thymidine kinase gene (tk) of the herpès simplex virus flanked by a duplication of the enhancer at a distance of the polyoma mutant virus PYF441 with linkers at the PstI site of pMloxPL. The Cre sequence is in the same orientation as the viral genome. The XL-I Blue pM Crelox PL plasmid was deposited with the CNCM on 13 June 1995 under No. I-1599.

IN THE CLAIMS:

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